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## HIGH WINDS TAKE TOLL OF LIFE AND PROPERTY

Pacific Coast Is Visited By One of Worst Wind Storms in History. Watercourses Are High and Still Rising. Washouts Delay Transportation.

### WATER COVERS A WHOLE TOWN

Rumsey, Ky., Said to Be Entirely Under Water, and the Inhabitants in a Destitute Condition. Unusual Weather Conditions Also in Holland.

Bakersfield, Cal., Jan. 18.—About 400 derricks in the San Joashin Valley oil fields were blown down, and damage estimated at \$500,000 was done by a high wind which swept what are known as the West Side oil fields for three hours yesterday.

Los Angeles, Jan. 18.—Nearly every stream and river in southern California was at a flood stage last night as a result of a rain that had been falling almost continuously twenty-four hours. Residents were marooned at various places, street car and railroad traffic demoralized, and various accidents were reported.

At various points the streams had broken from their beds, destroyed lands, railroad tracks and buildings. In Los Angeles water flooded many of the streets in low sections, and the street car companies were able to maintain only a partial service. About 5.2 inches of rain fell here, and the local weather bureau stated that there was no relief in sight. Arizona dispatches report floods in many places of that state.

The storm extended far into Arizona, where washouts and flood conditions generally were reported. Residents of the Gila River valley, a few miles southwest of Phoenix, were warned to prepare to flee to the higher ground. Railroad service has been discontinued between Phoenix and Ray, Arizona, because of damaged tracks and bridges. Train service between Yuma and Los Angeles also has been interrupted. In the San Bernardino district of southern California, the rain reached the proportions of a cloudburst, and electric power lines were broken in many places. Ranchers in row boats in many parts were aiding the rescue of stranded people.

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 18.—Rumsey, Ky., a town of about 500 population across the Ohio river from here, has been under water since December 17, according to word brought here by T. H. Valentine, a farmer near Rumsey. Valentine said the inhabitants of Rumsey, for the most part laborers, had spent their money to combat an epidemic of grippe, and now faced want for lack of food. He appealed to Major Benjamin Fosse, of this city, to send aid, but the mayor told him to seek help from Kentucky towns and, failing in that, to return to Evansville. Fear of disastrous floods here passed yesterday, and it was believed the crisis was reached last night.

San Bernardino, Cal., Jan. 18.—Several towns in the San Bernardino Valley are partly inundated by flood waters, bridges have been damaged, and power plants were forced to shut down by the worst storm in this section for several years.

Floods in Holland. Amsterdam, Holland, Jan. 18.—Queen Wilhelmina yesterday visited the flooded district and directed the measures for the alleviation of distress caused by the rise of waters. Prince Consort Henry proceeded to the Island of Marken.

London, Jan. 18.—Reports from the Dutch frontier sent by the Amsterdam correspondent of the Central News, indicate that Belgium has

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## MONTENEGRO SURRENDERS

Little Country Lays Down Arms Unconditionally, and Asks Austria for Peace. Central Powers Very Liberal in Terms of Surrender. United States Notified.

London, Jan. 18.—Beset on the north, east and west by Austrian lines, and with all lines of retreat cut off except into Albania, Montenegro has asked Austro-Hungary for peace, and her request has been granted. The unconditional laying down of arms by Montenegro was made the basis of the opening of the peace negotiations, and Montenegro accepted these terms.

This announcement was made to the Hungarian parliament by Premier Tizsa, and it was met with an ovation by members of the chamber. Thus comes the first withdrawal of any belligerent from either of the alliances that have been fighting with each other since August, 1914.

It had been conceded for days that the situation for Montenegro was a critical one. Although the army of the little country had battled valiantly against unequal forces, it was unable to withstand the strain, being short of guns, ammunition and supplies, but had held back the enemy until the allies reached Saloniki.

Already the Montenegrin capital and many of its important towns had fallen into the hands of the Austro-Hungarians, and the invaders were well on their way to Montenegro's chief seaport, Antivari. Last accounts had the Montenegrin government at Scutari. The whereabouts of King Nicholas is not known.

The British and the Russians in Mesopotamia and the Caucasus districts are pressing the Turks hard. The army of King George, coming northward from the Persian Gulf to the relief of the British forces at Kut El Amara, have driven the Turks to within six miles of the beleaguered town of the Tigris.

The Russians in their drive along the 100-mile front in the Caucasus have won important points in the Duzraza and Amidla valleys. The Turks admit this, but say that in hand to hand fighting in a Russian advanced position, heavy casualties were inflicted on the Russians by the Turks.

On the other fronts little fighting of moment has taken place. British and French guns in France and Belgium have been busy bombarding the German trenches, while on the Russian front there has been fighting only at isolated points from the Riga

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## COLD WEATHER IS PREVALENT

Practically All Portions of the United States, Except Our Beloved Florida, Report Freezing Weather or High Wind and Rain Storms, in Many Places Both.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Near zero weather prevailed yesterday over much of the territory east of the Mississippi river. No relief was in prospect for today, but the government forecasters predicted slightly warmer weather Wednesday.

Skies were clear, with the mercury around zero north of the Ohio river yesterday. It was cold southward, too, and sleet storms swept many sections all the way to the Gulf. The center of the cold wave was over West Virginia.

On the Pacific slope a new storm was moving eastward.

Chilly Weather at Cincinnati. Cincinnati, Jan. 18.—This city experienced its first zero weather of the winter yesterday. The government bureau reports that the temperature dropped to four degrees below zero.

Also Chilly at Chicago. Chicago, Jan. 18.—Chicago shivered yesterday in an icy blast from the northwest which made the three degrees below zero seem colder than the record low temperature of six below last week. The municipal lodging house was crowded with homeless men, who promised to work out their lodging at the municipal wood pile.

Same at Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, Jan. 18.—The upper Ohio valley experienced its first zero weather of the winter yesterday, when the government thermometer in bright sunshine registered two degrees below zero.

Me Too at Indianapolis. Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 18.—The coldest day of the season was recorded here yesterday, with a temperature of three degrees below zero.

Hitting at the South. Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 18.—Sunshine and rising temperatures here yesterday followed a light snow fall. The thermometer registered eleven degrees above yesterday, the coldest weather of the winter.

Also Chattanooga. Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 18.—Chattanooga experienced the coldest day of the winter yesterday. A light snow fell, and the thermometer registered

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## COURT OF INQUIRY TO INVESTIGATE DISASTER

THE EDITOR AND HIS POETRY CONTRIBUTORS.

The Eagle has some good friends who send in poetry at times for our perusal and consideration. Please don't. We hate to be brusque, or harsh, or boorish—but we are not up to the job of passing on poetry. Some of it might be too good to turn down, and we wouldn't know it until too late.

We suggest that all who have poetry to submit, that it be sent direct, postage or carrier privileges prepaid, to the society editor, who will assume all responsibility. She prints a long string of poetry, just whenever she pleases (provided the make up man doesn't leave it out), and that's her business. She wants something to go in that department, and uses poetry, some times, we imagine, as boarding house keepers do soup, to fill in the course with. And that's perfectly all right, for there's no telling just how many people look for poetry in their papers the first thing. They know poetry and love it, and when they subscribe for the paper, they expect poetry to be on the menu. Therefore, poetry to get in this paper, must either come through the society department, or the advertising manager.—Dothan (Ala.) Eagle.

LADIES' FRIDAY MUSICAL.

The Ladies' Friday Musicals met Friday afternoon at the usual place. After the business was disposed of the following program was rendered: Piano solo, An Old Trysting Place; McDowell; Mrs. R. T. Bell. Piano solo, From An Indian Lodge; McDowell; Mrs. T. K. Kards. Vocal solo, Deep In My Heart, Beloved; Johnson; Mrs. D. Treadwell. Piano solo, To a Wild Rose; McDowell; Mrs. Downing. Paper, Women in American Music; Mrs. J. W. Burton. Duets, Summer Night; Atherton; Mesdames Bell and Cravens. The program for next Friday will be carried over, and included in the program for the 28th, as Mrs. Crawford entertains the Musicals on the 21st.

ASKS \$300,000 TO PUT CITRUS CANKER ON MAT.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Secretary Houston sent to congress yesterday a request for an appropriation of \$300,000 for immediate use with state authorities in stamping out the citrus canker in the south. This is the result of a vigorous campaign in Florida, California and other states looking to the eradication of the disease which has threatened the entire citrus industry.

## OFFICIALS OF FAIR MEETING WITH SUCCESS

Outlook for a Successful Exhibit is Most Bright. General Interest Growing.

The executive committee of the DeSoto County Fair Association met last night and appointed several people as the heads of the different departments. These will be announced in the Arcadia Daily News tomorrow. The committee also closed a contract with the Nat Narder Amusement Company, of Valdosta, Ga., by which they will have ten different kinds of high class amusements, besides a merry go round and Ferris wheel. Governor Park Trammell has accepted the invitation to speak on the opening day, and he will be here January 27th. Dr. Murphree, who has been asked to speak on the second day of the fair, has not been heard from, but it is thought that he will accept. Everybody is working hard for the fair, and it seems now that nothing can keep it from being a success.

Mr. Dupree, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Nita Dupree, and her guest, Miss Sweetie Wilson, motored down to Arcadia yesterday from Bartow. Misses Wilson and Dupree will be the house guests of the Misses Marie and Lillian Martin.

Explosion Aboard Submarine E-2 to Be Made the Subject of Searching Inquiry by Court of Inquiry Named by Secretary Daniels.

### \$1,000,000 ASKED FOR LABORATORY

Authorities Feel That a Properly Equipped Laboratory For Testing New Machinery Would Have Prevented the Explosion and Consequent Loss of Life.

Washington, Jan. 18.—A court of inquiry was named by Secretary Daniels to investigate the cause and fix responsibility for the explosion on board the submarine E-2, in the New York navy yard Saturday, which caused the death of four men and the serious injury of four others.

The navy yard board appointed by Rear Admiral Usher immediately after the accident, reported to the department last night "that the investigation was continued today, but it was still too early to make any statement."

The committee is composed of the following officers, all of whom are well versed in submarine construction and work: Captain William G. Bulard, Lieutenant Commander H. G. Sparrow, Lieutenant Clyde S. McDowell, and Lieutenant Joseph O. Fisher.

A report is expected before the end of the week. The tragedy served to emphasize the need of a laboratory equipped to experiment with batteries, engines, ventilation and other parts of naval vessels.

The submarine E-2 had been used for testing the new Edison submarine storage batteries, because the navy had no other equipment suitable for such purposes, said Secretary Daniels.

Mr. Daniels said he had asked congress for an initial appropriation of a million dollars for erection of a laboratory, and he hoped that it would be authorized this year. He said that hereafter experimental work would be conducted as far as possible in the navy's laboratories, and no new machinery would be placed on board any vessel until it had been thoroughly tested.

The condition of the civilian workmen was said to be better, in a report made by Rear Admiral Usher last night. The three enlisted men, however, were said to be in a serious condition, although they showed slight improvement. Electrician Raymond Otto was the only enlisted man among the victims of the accident whose injuries were not considered dangerous.

Electrician Clark Dies.

New York, Jan. 18.—Dr. Reese Miller Hutchinson, representative of Thomas A. Edison, reiterated his belief that the accident on the submarine E-2 was not due to the Edison batteries installed on her. He said the government had installed the batteries on the E-2 after tests lasting eighteen months.

"It is not reasonable to suppose," Dr. Hutchinson said, "that the navy department, after having more than eighteen months to test the submarine cells supplied in 1914 to the New York navy yard, during which time a thorough investigation was made of all the features of the battery, would have purchased the Edison battery for installation in a submersible boat in the service, if it had been deemed the least bit dangerous."

Dr. Hutchinson said Mr. Edison had spent five years in experimental work on the battery.

Batteries similar to that on the E-2 are in use in Europe, and one submarine equipped with the Edison battery, Dr. Hutchinson said, had already sunk seventeen vessels. European telegraph and telephone companies were using the Edison batteries.

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## CARRANZA GOVERNMENT MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR AMERICANS

Report Current in Washington That De Facto Government of Mexico Had Issued Passports to Americans Who Were Murdered and Given Them Assurances That a Military Escort Was Unnecessary.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Whether the Carranza government in Mexico is to be held responsible by the United States for the death of American mining men slain by bandits near Santa Ysabel may depend upon the outcome of investigation of a circumstantial story which reached the state department telling how the murdered Americans had secured a safe conduct from Carranza authorities.

The authorities indicated clearly, however, that the evidence was not conclusive, and that no action would be taken pending a thorough inquiry. They pointed out also that should Carranza be eventually held as responsible that would not necessarily mean a break in this government's relations with him, although it would result in a demand for an indemnity in addition to punishment of the murderers, already demanded and assured.

The story of the safe conducts came from Collector Cobb, at El Paso, who quoted a "person connected with one of the companies operating in Chihuahua." This informant said that before the departure of the

Americans from Chihuahua, he had been told by C. R. Watson, head of the party and one of those killed, that the trip had been arranged after Carranza authorities had given Watson a personal passport for the others. Watson, it was said, had been assured in addition by the authorities that no military escort was necessary in that region.

The general disposition of state department officials is to regard this story as difficult of proof. T. B. Holmes, only survivor of the party, has advised the government that if any safe conducts were granted it was without his knowledge.

A dispatch from Director Cobb and whatever the department gathers to support or disprove it will be among the data to be submitted to the senate foreign relations committee, probably late this week, in response to Senator Fall's resolution regarding conditions in Mexico. This data is expected to influence the senate directly when it is called upon in a few days to ratify the nomination of Henry P. Fletcher as ambassador to the de facto government.

## AERO ROUTE FROM KEY WEST TO HAVANA

Appeal Will Be Made to Establish Aerial Mail Routes Wherever Possible.

New York, Jan. 18.—Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, it is announced, has appealed to the Aero Club of America to urge upon congress the establishment of aerial mail routes wherever possible throughout the United States. He argues that this step would bring into daily use large numbers of aeroplanes and make available a reserve of trained aviators in case of war. At the next meeting the governors of the Aero Club will consider plans for establishing the first forty-three aero mail routes proposed by the postoffice department. One route proposed where an aeroplane could carry mail in less time than is required by other methods, is from Key West to Havana.

Mrs. V. M. Johnson returned to Arcadia last night after being away from this city for several months. While gone Mrs. Johnson visited friends in Memphis, Tenn., and points in California. Mrs. Johnson, who states that while California is a beautiful country, the weather was very disagreeable, came straight from that state to this land of flowers, where she knows that there never is any very cold weather. Mrs. Johnson is at present very pleasantly located with her daughter, Mrs. R. T. Bell.